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- 3) References AA, AB and AC are in English. Reference AD corresponds to AA, and AE corresponds to AB, from which the relevance can be determined in English. References AE and AF are accompanied by English Abstracts.
- 4) Reference "AF" (DE 43 36 256) discloses a flexible liquid tank that can be loaded as freight onto an aircraft, for example for transporting potable water to a region that has suffered a catastrophe. It is not suggested to connect the tank to a water system of the aircraft, in order to supply water for the on-board use in the aircraft. It is also not suggested to connect the tank to a drain line with a flange arrangement according to the present invention. Instead, the flexible foldable liquid tank according to the reference is made of a flexible multi-layer fabric and is provided with removable divider partitions within the tank. The top of the tank can be opened by means of waterproof zippers (18) extending from the corners to the center, where a watertight central closure (19) is arranged. The tank further has liquid drain outlets formed by threaded connections (20) that are flanged into the tank wall (6) at the bottom thereof. A threaded connection can also be provided as a filling inlet on the top cover of the tank, and a further flange (22) is provided for attaching an over-pressure valve to release air.

- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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